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To the Georgia Medical Society of Savannah:

Your delegates to the Twenty-second Anniversary meeting of the Georgia Medical Association, assembled in Americus on the 12th instant, respectfully offer the following report:

The proceedings of the meeting, so far as participated in by your delegates, were of a character which excited in them feelings of the deepest regret, feelings which they know will be shared by this body, when informed of the nature of the transactions referred to.

In order to lay before you, as clearly as possible, the character of the course pursued by the majority at the meeting in Americus it will be necessary to recite briefly, in the order of their occurrence, all the facts connected with the Atlanta College controversy:

FIRST.

1858 The Atlanta Medical College was incorporated in 1854, under a charter of the usual character, which charter was in 1868 amended or altered, (it is said at the instance of the Dean of the Faculty, without the concurrence or knowledge of the Trustees.) The amended charter gave to the Faculty unusual, and, as many believed, dangerous powers. The character of the original charter, and also of the amended one, will

be seen in the following extracts from the minutes of the meeting of the Association held at Augusta in April, 1868.

At this meeting the following preamble and resolution were offered by Dr. Crawford, of Atlanta:*

“WHEREAS, Section VI. of a Bill incorporating the Atlanta Medical College reads as follows:

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Trustees, together with the regular Professors, shall constitute a Board, who are hereby authorized and empowered to confer the Degree of Doctor of Medicine upon such applicants, in such manner, and at such times, and under such circumstances, as may to the Board seem fit and proper; provided the applicants shall have attended two full courses of lectures in said College, or one in said College, and one in some other respectable Medical College or University.

And whereas, this section of the Bill was amended by an act of the same authority to read:

“The Professors and Trustees shall constitute a board, who are hereby authorized and empowered to confer the Degree of Doctor of Medicine upon such applicants, in such manner, at such times, and under such circumstances, as may to the Professors seem fit and proper; and the said Professors shall have power to change the chair of, remove, or fill the vacancy by the resignation, or otherwise, of any member of their Faculty.

And whereas, The Trustees reject this amendment, and decline to recognize the gentlemen appointed as Professors under its provisions; and whereas, the Trustees decline allowing their names to appear in connection with the announcement for the next course of lectures; be it therefore

Resolved, That this Association, having adopted the Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association, cannot recognize the Atlanta Medical College as a regular institution, nor such persons as may hereafter

* Passages marked as quotations are extracts from the minutes of meetings.

graduate under the present provisions of that College, as Doctors of Medicine."

Dr. L. A. Dugas moved that the resolution be referred to a committee of three, to report at the next annual meeting of the Association.

This motion was lost, and after some discussion, further consideration of the subject was postponed until the afternoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. Ridley moved a reconsideration of the motion of Dr. Dugas, to refer Dr. Crawford's resolution to a committee to report at next meeting.

This motion was lost.

Upon motion, Drs. Owen, White and Crawford were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable preamble as a substitute for the one offered by Dr. Crawford, and that the meeting take a recess of ten minutes.

The meeting having again been called to order, the following was presented by Dr. Sam. White, chairman of committee:

"WHEREAS, The above amended charter confers unusual and extraordinary powers upon the Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College, whereby they are authorized to confer the degree of M. D. on persons, regardless of time or condition, save as to said Faculty may seem fit and proper; therefore

Resolved, That we cannot recognize the graduates of said College that may hereafter receive their diplomas under the amended charter aforesaid."

This preamble and resolution was adopted as a substitute for the preamble and resolutions of Dr. Crawford.

SECONDLY.

At the succeeding session of the Legislature of the State of Georgia a petition came before that body, asking the repeal of the objectionable amendment and the restoration of the original charter of the Atlanta Medical College. Pending the action of the Legislature, on the 3d of October, 1868, or previous thereto,

the Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College presented to that body a memorial, which was also printed in pamphlet and distributed over the State, which memorial contained the following statements relative to the Association which had met in Augusta, in April, 1868, viz :

“That the action of this Association which repudiated the Atlanta Medical College as a regular institution, had in it “An utter absence of all the elements of truth,” and that the Annual Session of this Association, in 1868, was a *Meeting* of Physicians *assuming* to *represent* the Medical Profession of the State, and that such Annual Meeting was made up, almost entirely, of the Dr. Powell clique, of the City of Atlanta, and of members of rival Schools, and that the whole affair (Association Meeting) was gotten up and consummated for the very purpose of injuring the Atlanta Medical College. That the voice of the State Medical Society and of the Profession was not heard. That the Meetings of this Association are seldom attended by any but resident Physicians, and a few others who have some interest to advance. That the Annual Session in Augusta, as evinced by the *names* and *votes*, was such a meeting of persons with interest to advance.”

They also, in the same memorial, disavowed any intention to reflect upon the “Georgia Medical Association,” thus making it perfectly clear that they persisted in the assertion that the meeting upon which they had heaped such insults was not a legitimate meeting of that body. The obnoxious features of the charter were, however, repealed during the session of the Legislature in 1868, and the College placed, by law, in its original position.

THIRDLY.

At the meeting of the Association in 1869, in the city of Savannah, Dr. R. P. Myers offered the following preamble and resolutions :

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“WHEREAS: On the 3d of October, 1868, a pamphlet was published by order of the Atlanta Medical College, and spread before the Legislature and country, in which it was charged that the action of this Association which repudiated the Atlanta Medical College as a regular institution, had in it “An utter absence of all the elements of truth,” and that the Annual Session of this Association, in 1868, was a *Meeting* of Physicians *assuming to represent* the Medical Profession of the State, and that such Annual Meeting was made up, almost entirely, of the Dr. Powell clique, of the city of Atlanta, and of members of rival Schools, and that the whole affair (Association Meeting) was gotten up and consummated for the very purpose of injuring the Atlanta Medical College. That the voice of the State Medical Society and of the Profession was not heard. That the Meetings of this Association are seldom attended by any but resident Physicians, and a few others who have some interest to advance. That the Annual Session in Augusta, as evinced by the *names* and *votes*, was such a meeting of persons with interest to advance.

“*And whereas*, Every part and insinuation contained in the above recital of charges against this Association is false, and was uttered with a full knowledge, at the time, of all the facts and circumstances in the case as they then existed and now exist; modified by the fact that the course which this Faculty were endeavoring to bolster by such fabrication has been condemned by the Legislature and the country; a modification extremely damaging and condemnatory to them. This Association, with but one dissenting voice, at its last session placed the sentence of condemnation on the faculty in procuring the improper amendment of the Charter giving themselves unusual and unwarrantable powers. Yet in the face of the declared opinion of the Medical profession—in the face of improper and abused prerogative—in the face of protest and objection of the *then* existing Board of Trustees, they went on in disregard of the expressed will of the Trustees and the Profession, held a session and conferred the degree of Doctor of Medicine upon twenty-six young men who they knew would not be recognized as regular Physicians by the Georgia Medical Association. All of which conduct is, in the opinion of this

Association, derogatory to the character of the profession, and could have been perpetrated only by men more bent upon selfish purposes than with a view to elevate the standard of their Profession. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the then existing Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College be not recognized by this body, so long as they let the above statements remain uncontradicted."

Dr. Orme then read the following communication from the old Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College:

"ATLANTA, GA., April 10th, 1869.

"At a meeting of the Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College of 1868, held in the City of Atlanta, March 16th, 1869, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, viz :

Resolved, That this Faculty disavow any purpose to reflect upon the Medical Association of Georgia, either in the 'Memorial' presented to the Legislature of 1868, or upon any other occasion, and that our Representatives, who may attend the meeting of said Association to be held in the City of Savannah on the 14th inst. be, and they are hereby, instructed to present this disavowal, together with that contained in said Memorial."

By order of the Faculty.

JESSE BORING, M. D.,

Dean of the Faculty.

WM. S. ARMSTRONG, M. D.,

Secretary.

On motion of Dr. Battle, the Resolution of Dr. Myers was amended so as to read :

"*Resolved*, That a proper self respect on the part of this Association requires of the former Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College a distinct and unequivocal withdrawal of the objectional language used in their recent Memorial, and such withdrawal must be through the public journals of the State."

It was then adopted.

FOURTHLY.

In the afternoon session Dr. Charters offered the following preamble and resolution :

“WHEREAS, The irregularity of which this Association complained at its last session, in the Charter and management of the Atlanta Medical College has been removed by the action of the last Legislature, and said College is now conducted upon principles which this Association approve ; be it

Resolved, That the Resolution adopted by the Association at its last session, discrediting the diplomas of the Atlanta Medical College, shall have no reference to Diplomas that may be conferred by that Institution hereafter.”

Dr. Harriss moved to amend the resolution by adding the following :

“Provided the present Faculty, under the new Charter, will repudiate the action of the Faculty existing at the time of the passage of the resolution, during the meeting at Augusta.”

This amendment was adopted, when the preamble and resolution were, on motion, adopted.

FIFTHLY.

On the third day, in the afternoon session, Dr. L. H. Orme offered the following :

WHEREAS, The gentlemen connected with the former Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College have sent a formal and respectful communication to this body disclaiming and disavowing any intention to reflect upon this Georgia Medical Association. Therefore

Resolved, That their disclaimer be accepted and placed upon the Minutes.”

Seconded by Dr. Bulloch.

Dr. Battle moved that it be laid on the table. Seconded and carried.

A division was then called for, when the Chair ruled it out, and said the whole proceeding was out of order.”

This resolution was manifestly out of order, as the same matter had already been decided the day before.

SIXTHLY.

At the meeting of the Association in Macon, in the afternoon session of the second day, Dr. Harriss moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of reading communications from the Trustees and Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College, which motion was carried.

Dr. Myers, Secretary, read the letters and papers above referred to.

Upon the reading of these papers it was evident that there was no intention manifested by the Faculty to disavow or retract the imputations which they had, in the memorial, cast upon the meeting of the Association in Augusta. We regret that we have no copy of these papers.

“Dr. Crawford moved to lay the communications from the Atlanta Medical College on the table. Seconded and carried.

Dr. Crawford offered the following :

WHEREAS, The late Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College, having failed to comply with requirements of the “Georgia Medical Association” at Savannah:

Be it Resolved, That their names be stricken from the roll of membership of this Association, with the exception of Dr. A. Means.

Seconded and carried.”

We have thus, as we believe, presented a true record of all that had occurred bearing upon the subjects of disputes from the time when they were introduced into the Association until its meeting at Americus, on the 12th instant.

It will be seen that from the beginning up to this time there had been no action of the Association taint-

ed in the slightest degree with personality, or, in any way, connected with any personal quarrel or difficulty.

Even though personal feeling might have influenced some of those who first brought the subject of complaint before the Association, still the question remains—a question to be decided by every member of our Profession for himself, namely: Was the organization of the College in Atlanta such as he could approve.

Shall we refrain from opposing wrong because the knowledge of the wrong comes to us through one actuated in its revelation by personal animosity towards the wrong doer?

That the majority of members present at the meeting in Augusta were not peculiar in their belief that the charter of the Atlanta College was objectionable is quite manifest, from the fact that the reform upon which they insisted—that is, the repeal of the objectionable amendment—was, under the pressure of public opinion, accomplished, and the original charter restored. It was for demanding this reform that the meeting at Augusta was insulted in the manner referred to.

That the Association, then, no longer complained of the charter of the Atlanta College, is manifest from the resolution offered by Dr. Charters at the Savannah meeting, declaring that the irregularity complained of at former meetings had been “removed by the last Legislature, and said College is now conducted upon principles which this Association approve.” But the proviso to that resolution shows what was the real controversy between the Association and the Faculty of the College, to wit: *The unretracted imputations against the meeting of the Association at Augusta.*

That Faculty had repeatedly disclaimed any purpose to reflect upon the Association. They had finally gone so far as to retract any language used by them which might seem to be disrespectful to that body.

But let us now inquire how much was comprehended in that retraction. The accusation in the memorial against the meeting in Augusta was that it was "*a meeting of Physicians assuming to represent the Medical Profession of the State*"—made up almost entirely of "a private clique and members of rival schools"—"that the whole affair was gotten up and consummated for the very purpose of injuring the Atlanta school."

This, and more, was said of that particular meeting. Of the meetings of the Georgia Medical Association in general they say "the meetings of this Association are seldom attended by any but resident physicians and a few others who have some interest to advance."

Now while they are able to persuade persons, not fully informed as to the facts of the controversy, that they have made ample retraction and disavowal, such as ought to be satisfactory to all the members of the Association, they have refused, *and do to this day refuse, to retract one word which they have said derogatory to the character of the meeting at Augusta, or of the majority of the members of the Association present at its sessions.*

The members of the Faculty of the Atlanta College, with two exceptions, declare that the meeting at Augusta was a meeting gotten up for a special and most disgraceful purpose: yet this meeting was more extensively advertised than any other meeting since the organization of the Association.

Special circulars were sent to every physician in the State whose address could be procured, and to every Post Office in the State where no physician was known to reside, with a request to postmasters to hand the same to some physician.

The following is a copy of the Circular:

“ SAVANNAH, March 30, 1868.

“ *To the Medical Profession of Georgia :*

“ The next annual session of the Medical Association of the State of Georgia will be held in Augusta, commencing on the 8th day of April proximo. That the active existence of this body is of vital importance to the Medical Profession of our State is too evident to require argument ; and it is manifest that there never has been a time when the energetic and united action of our Profession has been more urgently demanded than at present.

“ In the benefits arising from this organization every member of the Profession participates.

“ Shall the sacrifices necessary for the support of the Association be made by the few while the advantages derived are eagerly enjoyed by the many ? It is believed that no Physician in the State who loves his profession and desires its elevation and prosperity will be absent from the approaching meeting unless detained by the claims of some more important duty.

(Signed) W. M. CHARTERS, *President.*

T. S. POWELL, *1st Vice Pres't.*

DES. FORD, *2d Vice Pres't.*”

The Atlanta College was represented in that meeting. Two successive meetings of the Association endorsed the Augusta meeting and its action. As to the character of the gentlemen participating in the three meetings referred to we need scarcely say that they will compare favorably with those of the members present at any other meeting ever held by the Association, even if that held at Americus be included.

We will now proceed to give a brief history of the course of events, so far as we were participants in them, which transpired in the meeting of the Georgia Medical Association, convened at Americus on the 12th instant.

We found assembled a considerable number of medical gentlemen, consisting largely of graduates and other friends of the Atlanta Medical College, among whom were prominent some of the members of the old Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College, who had been excluded at the last meeting of the Association. Some of these latter, while claiming no right to speak or vote, took an active part in the management of the affairs of the meeting. We mention this simply as a fact, without in any manner characterizing it. Towards one expelled member of the Atlanta Faculty, Dr. Miller, we have reason to entertain the most kindly feelings. We cheerfully say that we believe, from facts which have come to our knowledge, his name should not have been stricken from the roll of members.

The first important movement in connection with the organization was the presentation, by the Fulton County Medical Society, of a protest against the admission of the members of the Atlanta Academy of Medicine, on the ground of their affiliation, in the organization of that Academy, with the gentlemen expelled from the Association and with others, who, it was alleged, were guilty of irregular practices. The protest was submitted to the Committee on Credentials, who reported that the exceptions against the members of the Academy of Medicine, in the protest, were "valid, and in accordance with the ethics of the American Medical Association." The committee furnished a list of persons qualified to take seats in the organization of the Association. This list did not include the names of the members of the "Academy of Medicine" who were present. In objection to this list it was urged that permanent members, against whom there existed no charges previous to the assembly of this Association, could not be excluded in organizing the meeting in consequence of charges which could not come before the body until after it had been duly organized. The Committee on Credentials asked for in-

structions, and, *on motion of Dr. Orme, one of the individuals protested against, were instructed to report the names of permanent members present, against whom no charges had been brought previous to the assembling of the present meeting, as entitled to seats.*

After the organization of the body the protest of the Fulton County Society was regularly brought forward and read. This terminated the business of the first day.

Soon after the opening of the morning session on the second day, Dr. Logan, who with others, had been charged in the protest, with offences, was permitted to answer the protest, in behalf of himself and the Atlanta Academy of Medicine. He succeeded, as we think, in setting aside several of the charges against himself and his associates, although on others, according to our views of medical ethics, he was not equally successful. But anything like a regular trial of the issues made, was defeated by the course taken by the defence. For without affording opportunity for further inquiry into the truth of the charges against himself and others, Dr. Logan moved a preamble and resolution which had the effect of throwing out of the Association the entire protest, as well as all other subjects of difference between the Association and all persons charged with any offence against it, in which the Faculty of the Atlanta College were in any way concerned. The following are the preamble and resolution of Dr. Logan, above mentioned :

“WHEREAS, The controversy between the Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College, the Atlanta Academy of Medicine, the Fulton County Medical Society, or members of the same, who are members of this body, or between said bodies or individuals and any other members of this Association, are of a personal character, and ought never to have been introduced into this body:

Therefore Resolved, That all action of this Association upon these controversies be rescinded, and be regarded as no longer a part of the archives of this body.”

Seconded by Dr. Stout, of Atlanta.

The question was raised by Dr. Redwine, whether members under charges in the protest of the Fulton County Society could vote on questions affecting their own standing in the Association. The President said he was not well enough versed in Parliamentary laws to decide the question, and referred it to the decision of the meeting, whereupon a motion was made and seconded to the following effect: That all members present who were charged with any offence in the protest of the Fulton County Society had a right to vote on questions affecting their own eligibility to seats in the convention.

This motion was, of course, adopted.

Dr. Nottingham moved the adoption of the following as a substitute for Dr. Logan's resolution :

Resolved, That all matters involved in the protest of the Fulton County Medical Society and the answer of Dr. Logan thereto, be referred to a committee of five, consisting of the Committee on Credentials and two other members to be appointed by the chair, and that the committee be requested to report at the earliest possible moment.

This resolution, although it does not directly refer to all the matters involved in Dr. Logan's resolution, would have brought up the consideration of the whole controversy, and we had reason to hope and believe that, if it had prevailed, the whole difficulty could have been amicably settled. But the mover of the original resolution and his friends would not give way, and a motion to lay the substitute on the table was decided in the affirmative by thirty-four yeas to twenty nays.

The resolution of Dr. Logan was then adopted by thirty-six yeas to thirteen nays, some five or six of its opponents present refusing to vote.

Dr. Thomas then asked leave to present, for himself and others, a protest against the course taken by the majority in the matter of the dispute between the Association and the Medical College of Atlanta. As it was late in the afternoon Dr. Logan moved that Dr. Thomas have leave to present for himself and others, in the morning, any respectful protest against the course of the meeting.

In the morning of the third day, soon after the opening of the session, Dr. Thomas offered the following protest, which, after some captious opposition, was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes :

PROTEST.

The undersigned, members of the Georgia Medical Association, respectfully but most earnestly protest against the course pursued by the majority of that body in its present meeting, in regard to the action of the last three meetings of the Association on the status of the Medical College of Atlanta and its former faculty, and upon other incidental matters of complaint growing out of this action. In refusing to refer the whole subject of difference to a committee, as proposed by Dr. Nottingham's resolution, and in passing Dr. Logan's resolution summarily rescinding the action of three successive meetings—that in Augusta, in 1868 ; in Savannah, in 1869 ; and in Macon, in 1870—we think great injustice was done to the members present at these meetings, while an opportunity for making a conciliatory and satisfactory settlement of the vexatious questions involved was lost. By the same action, as we believe, a precedent has been established which will render it impossible for the Association to give a

permanent character to any important measures upon which there may exist any difference of opinion.

J. G. THOMAS, M. D.

G. J. KOLLOCK, M. D.

W. M. CHARTERS, M. D.

ROBERT P. MYERS, M. D.

V. G. HITT, M. D.

T. O. POWELL, M. D.

T. S. POWELL, M. D.

W. T. GOLDSMITH, M. D.

E. F. KNOTT, M. D.

C. B. NOTTINGHAM, M. D.

G. F. COOPER, M. D.

W. A. GREEN, M. D."

Your delegates then withdrew from the sessions of the meeting, being unwilling to participate farther therein, until after a conference with the Society which they represented in the Association.

The facts we have detailed are indisputable, and we think no unbiased mind can find in them a shadow of support for the statement in the preamble and resolution of Dr. Logan, that the difficulties in question were of a personal character. Nor can there be found, in the whole history of these troubles, any excuse for the radical and unparliamentary legislation inaugurated in the passage of that preamble and resolution.

We believe no thinking man can fail to see that such summary legislation must utterly destroy all hope of the usefulness or even of the permanent organization of any body associated for such purposes as those contemplated in the formation of our State Association.

If it is in the power of one meeting of the Association to condemn, rescind and expunge from the archives the proceedings of three successive meetings, in this summary manner, it must be admitted that all succeeding meetings have the same power, and thus each

meeting may rescind the action of one or all of its predecessors, whenever a majority can be secured opposed to any action on which a difference of opinion may exist.

Taking our seats in the Association as we did, at the Americus meeting, untrammelled by instructions from our local Society, we were deeply impressed with a sense of our duty so to act, with regard to the vexatious question which we knew would disturb the meeting, as to discharge this duty with fidelity to ourselves, to our Society and to the Profession of our State. Feeling thus, we were prepared to make, for the sake of union and good fellowship in the Profession, every possible concession, consistent with our honestly entertained views of honor and duty. We believe that those who acted with us in endeavoring to maintain the dignity of the Profession and the unity of the Association, were actuated by the same sentiments. And we would by no means be understood as denying that some of those opposed to us were equally desirous of promoting the dignity and well being of the profession. We believe that they acted under mistaken views of the facts and principles involved in the controversy.

J. G. THOMAS, M. D.

G. J. KOLLOCK, M. D.

The undersigned, permanent members of the Georgia Medical Association, in attendance upon the meeting, fully concur in the above.

W. M. CHARTERS, M. D.

R. P. MYERS, M. D.

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Extract of Minutes of Georgia Medical Society of Savannah, April 19, 1871.

After the reading of the report of the delegates to the State Medical Association, Dr. Arnold offered the following :

Resolved, That the report of the delegates of this Society to the late meeting of the Georgia Medical Association, at Americus, in relation to their action and that of the Association, meets the unanimous approval of this Society, and that in addition to its being spread on the minutes, a committee of five be appointed by the chair to consult with the delegates to the State Association, and publish, in pamphlet form, all the proceedings, for general circulation in the profession, and to correspond on this subject with all of the Medical Societies of the State.

Seconded and adopted.

Whereupon the Chair appointed the following committee: Juriah Harriss, M. D., R. D. Arnold, M. D., J. D. Fish, M. D., T. J. Charlton, M. D., W. Duncan, M. D.

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Passed in Society, April 19, 1871.

EASTON YONGE, M. D.,
President G. M. S.

Attest: ROBT. P. MYERS, M. D.,
Recording Secretary G. M. S.

SAVANNAH, May 10, 1871.

The Committee appointed by the Georgia Medical Society, at its regular session, April 19, 1871, for the purpose of preparing for publication the report of their delegates to the State Medical Association convened at Americus, Ga., April 12, 1871, beg leave herewith to present that report for the adoption of the Society:

They respectfully report to the Society that they have corresponded with the several local Medical Societies in the State, and with Physicians in localities where no organized Medical Societies exist, notifying them of the action of the Georgia Medical Society, in unanimously endorsing this report of their delegates, protesting against the action of the late meeting of the

State Medical Association in reference to the Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College, and respectfully inviting their co-operation in the adoption of suitable resolutions condemnatory of the course pursued by the Georgia Medical Association, at its late meeting, in summarily rescinding the action of three successive meetings, that in Augusta in 1868, in Savannah in 1869, and in Macon in 1870, thereby doing great injustice to the members present at these meetings.

Having received in reply several communications from members of the Profession, in different parts of the State, heartily disapproving the course pursued at the meeting of the State Medical Association alluded to, and from the Medical Association of Macon, the preamble and resolutions hereto annexed, they beg leave to suggest to the Society still further action in reference to this Atlanta Medical College difficulty.

Impressed with the conviction that the interests of the Profession demand a concert of action on their part, and an early expression of their opinions concerning this whole affair, the Committee unanimously recommend such action on the part of the Georgia Medical Society as will favor a general convention of the physicians of this State, at some point deemed most eligible and accessible, in order that their views may be freely expressed, and the honor and integrity of the Profession preserved.

JURIAH HARRISS,
T. J. CHARLTON,
R. D. ARNOLD,
JOHN D. FISH,
W. DUNCAN,

Committee.

Preamble and Resolutions adopted by the Medical Association of Macon.

WHEREAS, the recent meeting of the GEORGIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, held in the city of Americus, of which body we in our individual capacity are permanent members, and at which meeting we as a Society had a representative, did see fit and proper to go back on the record for three years, and rescind by resolution all the action of the Association at the meetings in Augusta in 1868, in Savannah in 1869, and in Macon in 1870, in regard to the Faculty (of 1868) of the Atlanta Medical College; and

WHEREAS, however unpleasant and painful to us as individuals, may have been the action of the Association at these several meetings, in reference to the persons composing said Faculty, particularly that taken at the meeting in Macon in 1870, still we have always felt that it was in the main justifiable and proper; therefore be it

1st. *Resolved*, That the action at Augusta taken in 1868, by the Association, in its resolution of unwillingness to recognize the prospective graduates of the Atlanta Medical College, was just and proper, in view of the great abuse in the matter of graduation, to which the amended charter of said College invited its Faculty.

2d. *Resolved*, That the resolution passed at the meeting in Savannah in 1869, declaring that the self-respect of the Association required, notwithstanding the disclaimer already received, that the Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College (of 1868) should make, *in print*, a withdrawal of the offensive terms and language contained in a memorial addressed by them in pamphlet form to the Legislature of the State, *was not unreasonable*, and *should, in our judgment, have been promptly complied with by said Faculty*.

3d. *Resolved*, That the failure of the said Faculty to make the *amende honorable* in the manner in which they had made their charges, and in the manner required by the resolution of the Association at Savannah, was sufficient cause for their expulsion when it became known that twelve months had elapsed in which they could have done so.

4th. *Resolved*, That in the recent action at Americus, in reference to these persons, we believe a great wrong has been done the Association—particularly those members of it who composed the meeting at Augusta in 1868, denounced in the celebrated memorial—and that we fully, unequivocally and cordially endorse the protest against said action at Americus, spread on the minutes of the meeting, and signed by thirteen (13) members, our representative among the number.

5th. *Resolved*, That the opinion which we learn was entertained and expressed by gentlemen from Atlanta, that the Physicians of Macon kept away from the Americus meeting because of the action taken in their city last year, is without a shadow of foundation in fact or truth, and we take this occasion to say two Macon Physicians, members of this Society, were at Americus in the interest of peace, harmony and justice, and we wish we all could have been there; and further, that whilst the expulsion of the members of the Atlanta College Faculty (of 1868) was painful to us, we did not then perceive, nor do we now see, that there was any other alternative, except so far as Dr. H. V. M. MILLER is concerned, who, we have very lately learned was not a signer of the memorial, and who in our opinion should not have had his name stricken from the roll.

6th. *Resolved*, That we are pleased to hear of the action taken by the Georgia Medical Society of Savannah, in their resolutions forwarded to this body, and that we will be glad to co-operate with that old and intelligent Society and with all other correct-thinking members of the Georgia Medical Association, in the adoption of such measures condem-

niatory and reparative of the *Logan preamble and Resolution*, as deliberation and a free interchange of opinion may suggest as wise, prudent and proper.

7th. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to communicate these resolutions to the Medical Society of Georgia at Savannah, and to conduct correspondence on this subject on behalf of this Association with that Society, and with other aggrieved parties throughout the State.

The following preamble and resolutions were then offered by the Committee, and unanimously adopted by the Society :

WHEREAS, The Georgia Medical Society has unanimously endorsed the report of their delegates to the Georgia Medical Association, convened at Americus, Ga., 1871, protesting against the action of that meeting in reference to the Atlanta Medical College, and other matters pertaining thereto ; and

WHEREAS, The Georgia Medical Society has received with pleasure communications from Physicians in different portions of the State heartily disapproving the action pursued by that meeting of the Association, and from the Medical Association of Macon, a preamble and resolutions embodying sentiments which could have emanated only from Physicians of the highest tone and possessed of a most delicate appreciation of the obligations of their Profession ; and

WHEREAS, The attention of the last four meetings of the Georgia Medical Association has been almost entirely occupied in the discussion of matters pertaining to the Atlanta Medical College, to the detriment of more important and scientific subjects which should demand their consideration ; and

WHEREAS, The Georgia Medical Society desire that some course, deemed by the Profession most advisable, should be suggested to the next meeting of the Georgia Medical Association, to be held in Columbus, Ga., whereby all questions pertaining to the Atlanta Medical College shall be definitely and finally settled ; and

WHEREAS, The Georgia Medical Society are unanimously of the opinion that the interests of the Medical Profession demand a concert of action, on the part of the Physicians of the State, in order that their views may be freely expressed, and such action taken as will preserve the honor and integrity of their Profession ;

Be it Resolved, 1st, That the Georgia Medical Society hereby invites an expression of the opinions of the several local Medical Societies in the State, and in localities where no organized Medical Societies exist, the opinion of members of the Profession, in reference to the advisability of calling together a convention of the Physicians of the State, in order that they may counsel together and take such action as may be deemed advisable and proper ; it being distinctly understood that the object of such convention shall be, by no means, to divide, but to strengthen and perpetuate, the union of the present Georgia Medical Association.

Resolved, 2d, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to the daily gazettes of the city for publication, requesting all papers in the State friendly to the interests of the Medical profession to copy.

EASTON YONGE, M. D., *President.*

Attest : R. P. MYERS, *Secretary.*